

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3-7 and 9-12 as follows, and cancel claims 2 and 8 :

1. (Currently amended) A telephone, wherein:
 - (a) the telephone includes a dialer, a touch-screen for receiving graphical information applied through a stylus, and
 - (b) the dialer is *[characterized in that it is]* constructed to:
 - [(1) receive graphical information; and]
 - [(2)] (1) convert the graphical information from the touch screen into a dial signal.
2. (cancel)
3. (Currently amended) The telephone of claim 1 [, wherein:
 - (c) the telephone includes a dialer, and
 - (d) the dialer is *characterized in that:*] further comprising:
 - [(1)] the telephone further includes] a graphic-to-character converter for converting the graphical information into characters]; and], wherein
 - [(2)] the dialer is constructed to:
 - (A) receive a sequence of characters from the graphic-to-character converter; and
 - (B) convert each character to a dial signal.
 4. (Currently amended) The telephone of claim 3, *[characterized in that it further includes]* further including means for, if one of the [character] characters is an alpha character:
 - (e) converting the alpha character into an associated numeric character; and
 - (f) converting the numeric character into the dial signal.
 5. (Currently amended) The telephone of claim 3, *[characterized in that it further includes]* further including means for, if the character is an alpha character, converting the alpha character into a dial signal associated with a numeric character which is associated with the alpha character.

6. (Currently amended) The telephone of claim 3, [*characterized in that* it further includes] further including means for, if the character is a pause character, converting the pause character into a pause dial signal.

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7. (Currently amended) A method for dialing a telephone, wherein:

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(a) the method includes a sequence of steps of producing a dial signal; and
(b) the [method is *characterized in that* each step] the sequence of steps of producing a dial signal includes the steps of:

- (1) entering graphical information;
- (2) converting the graphical information to the dial signal,
wherein the step of entering graphical information includes the step of applying a stylus to a touch-screen.

8. (Cancel)

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the step of converting the graphical information to the dial signal [*is characterized in that it*] includes the steps of:

- (g) converting the graphical information into a character; and
- (h) converting the character into the dial signal.

10 (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, [*characterized in that* it further includes] further including the steps of, if the character is an alpha character:

- (i) converting the alpha character into an associated numeric character; and
- (j) converting the numeric character into the dial signal.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, [*characterized in that* it further includes] further including the step of, if the character is an alpha character, converting the alpha character into a dial signal associated with a numeric character which is associated with the alpha character.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, [*characterized in that* it further includes] further including the step of, if the character is a pause character, converting the pause character into a pause dial signal.

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Office Action dated June 8, 2004. It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Claims 1, 3-7 and 9-12 have been amended, and claims 2 and 8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Isensee et al. (5,815,153). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites "a touch-screen for receiving graphical information applied through a stylus convert the graphical information from the touch screen into a dial signal." Claim 7 recite a similar language. The Isensee reference does not disclose a touch-screen for receiving graphical information applied through a stylus and converting the graphical information from the touch screen into a dial signal, as recited in the claims.

The Examiner states that Col. 12, lines 49-67 of the Isensee reference disclose a touch-screen and stylus. However, the Isensee reference including the section pointed out by the Examiner does not disclose a touch-screen for receiving graphical information applied through a stylus and converting the graphical information from the touch screen into a dial signal, as recited in the claims.

Thus, claims 1-12 distinguish over the art of record.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1-12 should be withdrawn.